



THE DO'S CORNER

We are well into our busiest time of year and there is obviously a lot going on. I wanted to take a minute and let you know that the HQ staff is working hard to support you. As our mission changes over the coming months to focus more on Homeland Security, we will adjust our priorities to meet the membership's needs. You will notice as you read this newsletter, we've had a few changes in our staff recently, and there will definitely be others in the future. I'd like to welcome aboard Cliff Smith to our Washington office. Cliff is our new Manager of Counterdrug and Homeland Security Plans. He brings a wealth of experience to the team, and we're glad he chose CAP. I'd also like to congratulate John Sharp, Pete Kalisky, and John Desmarais on their moves to be the Chiefs of Flight Training, Standardization and Evaluation, and Emergency Services respectively. They have been valuable members of the Operations team, and I'm glad that they've chosen to take on new responsibilities. Please take a moment to congratulate these guys, and welcome them into their new jobs. Over the past year several thousand members have taken advantage of online Operations courses and testing. Feedback from the field indicates our members want more. John Sharp is a master at developing online courses and we will see many more web-based training modules in the months ahead. That's all for now...keep up the good work, continue using common sense, and stay safe!

John A. Salvador
Director of Operations

SAFETY

TIPS ON PREVENTING & MANAGING HEAT

The best defense is prevention. Here are some prevention tips:

- Drink more fluids (nonalcoholic), regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Warning: If your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask him how much you should drink while the weather is hot.
- Don't drink liquids that contain caffeine, alcohol, or large amounts of sugar—these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also, avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.
- Stay indoors and, if at all possible, stay in an air-conditioned place – even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you go back into the heat.
- Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath, or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- NEVER leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Although anyone at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others. Check regularly on:
 - Infants and young children
 - People aged 65 or older
 - People who have a mental illness
 - Those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure

If you must be out in the heat:

- Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.
- Cut down on exercise. If you must exercise, drink two to four glasses of cool, nonalcoholic fluids each hour. A sports beverage can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat. Warning: If you are on a low-salt diet, talk with your doctor before drinking a sports beverage.

- Try to rest often in shady areas.
- Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat (also keeps you cooler) and sunglasses and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say “broad spectrum” or “UVA/UVB protection” on their labels).

DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION

Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) personnel will conduct sessions explaining the DDR program, how it works, and how it can work for the betterment of CAP. Seminars will also showcase: goggles that simulate visual and mental impairment, as if one was under the influence of alcohol or drugs; Drug Education for Youth (DEFY), a joint Navy-Air Force-Department of Juvenile Justice program for 9-12-year-olds; U.S. Air Force Demand Reduction Program; and “What Is Your Drug I.Q.?” conducted by a law enforcement officer. Sit in on these programs and learn what our young people are facing in their day-to-day lives.

NATIONAL BOARD SEMINARS

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week activities are starting to take shape. NHQ DDR will again be sending Red Ribbons to those wings requesting them, so start planning now. Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated at the Pentagon 21-23 October. MER Cadets will be part of the program. If you're in the area, come by and see our young people at their best.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

WING AUTHORIZED TRAINING MISSIONS

There has been a question about whether or not wings can authorize Category “C” training missions to count towards qualification in emergency services. The answer is yes. In accordance with CAPR 60-3, Chapter 2, Paragraph 1d, wing or unit training activities not designated as USAF-assigned missions are creditable towards training, qualification, and currency. These training missions are supposed to be approved by the wing commander or his or her designee(s) in advance to be sure that training objectives have been satisfactorily established to justify mission credit. This was placed in the regulation to foster local training by qualified personnel; especially since USAF support is limited by many things like the obvious funding issue and also the availability of trained evaluators. This training was not intended to force a large mission to be conducted at the unit level though, but rather allow for small groups to conduct training. For example, if a unit has the qualified personnel to train ground teams, and wants to develop a new team, we would not expect them to fully staff an incident command post for the students to receive credit for the training. We would expect the training to be as realistic as possible. A ground team leader is obviously necessary, but then another person could serve multiple roles if necessary as the Ground Branch Director, Operations Section Chief, etc., as those are the personnel that the ground team member would normally interact with on an actual mission. Also, please note that this training, though creditable towards qualification, is not covered by the Federal Torts Claim Act or the Federal Employee Compensation Act, but rather is self-insured by the corporation (except for the 4 hours of authorized proficiency flying for mission pilots in a non-reimbursed status).

NATIONAL SAR SCHOOL

The Inland SAR Planner Course is an excellent opportunity to greatly enhance one's SAR mission management skills. The course is designed for approximately 24 people with 6 slots for CAP members. This is not a walk-in class. HQ CAP/DO coordinates the six CAP slots, and the other positions are filled with state and local people. Primary CAP attendees should be incident commanders and incident commanders-in-training. Members with other ES qualifications fill-in as slots are available. Pilots are also needed to provide the airpower perspective. The more ES experience a member has, the better the chance of being selected to attend the class. It is very important to **look way ahead and apply early**. We have to submit names of attendees to the SAR School 45 days in advance. When you are committed to attend, submit a CAPF 17 through channels, but also send us a copy by fax (334-953-6342/4242) or notify us by e-mail at dos@capnhq.gov with name, address, and phone numbers. The following courses for FY03 now have openings.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
21-25 October 2002	Baton Rouge, Louisiana	5 September 2002
18-22 November 2002	Bismarck, North Dakota	7 October 2002
9-13 December 2002	San Bernadino, California	30 October 2002
13-17 January 2003	Camp Murray, Washington	22 November 2002
3-7 February 2003	Honolulu, Hawaii	20 December 2002
24-28 February 2003	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	9 January 2003
17-21 March 2003	Location To Be Determined, New Hampshire	31 January 2003
7-11 April 2003	Boise, Idaho	20 February 2003
28 April – 3 May 2003	Knoxville, Tennessee	13 March 2003
19-23 May 2003	Fayetteville, Arkansas	3 April 2003

2-6 June 2003
4-8 August 2003

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17 April 2003
19 June 2003

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE

The working group members of the Emergency Services Curriculum Project (ESCP) will conduct a combined instructor development course, formerly the ESCP train-the-trainer course, and instructor trainer session on the 14th and 15th of August from 8AM to 5PM at the National Board & Convention site in Philadelphia, PA. Attendance is limited to the first 48 applicants that register for the course online at: <https://data.ntc.cap.gov/ntc/ops/registration.cfm>. Participants completing the course will receive a certificate of completion.

CAP NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER

The CAP National Operations Center staff is here to support you. For many of CAP's national missions, the HQ CAP/DO or his representative must be in the loop. Additionally, we can often assist in coordinating support for major missions that you might have. If there is a serious operational problem that we can assist you with or that you must contact the DO shop about, please call us at 1-888-211-1812 (Emergencies Only). The CAP National Operations Center can also be reached via fax at 334-953-6342/4242 or via e-mail at opscenter@capnhq.gov.

NATIONAL BOARD SEMINARS

In addition to the Instructor Development Course being held as a pre-conference session, there have been several interesting seminars scheduled for emergency services personnel at the upcoming National Board and Convention in Philadelphia. A review of CAP's operations in response to 9/11/01 as well as an after action review of CAP's Salt Lake City Operations in support of the 2002 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games will be conducted. Additionally, seminars will be conducted on other hot topics like rapid response, critical incident stress, hyperspectral imaging, the National Headquarters qualification and certification system, and changes to CAP's FAA exemption. We hope to see you there!

STAN-EVAL

As most of you know by now, the Statement of Work (SOW) between the Air Force and Civil Air Patrol requires an organizational check ride trend analysis. The SOW states, "CAP wings shall report to the Air Force Liaison Region on a semi-annual basis (1 January and 30 June) the number and type of failures of check rides." Our first attempt at this occurred this last January and because of our unfamiliarity with the requirement, there were many blanks in our reporting. Specifically, we need to keep track of each area on the CAPF 5/91 that generates a failure. The next report is now due and a separate letter has been sent to each wing as a reminder. We anticipate making this reporting requirement web-based in the near future.

The results from the first go around indicate "Oral Discussion," "Takeoff & Climbs," "Flight at Critically Slow Airspeeds," and "Approaches & Landings" need to garner more attention in our training programs. Your emphasis on these areas will help make our organization safer. As the database builds, we should be able to address specific corrective actions. We greatly appreciate your efforts in supporting this program.

FLIGHT TRAINING

There is a new position in operations. For quite some time it has been apparent that a flight training function was needed here at Headquarters. This new position, Chief, Flight Training (DOT), is responsible for the development of flight training tools and courses to enhance our flying operations. DOT is manned by John Sharp, former Chief, Standardization and Evaluation. Our statistics have shown the overwhelming acceptance and need for web-based educational products, therefore on-line training will be heavily emphasized. DOT's first emphasis area will be products designed to support the CAP Flight Instructor and Check Pilot. There is a new DOT website that will provide direct access to training products. The address for the DOT website is <http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dot/index.htm>.

COMMUNICATIONS

On 29 - 30 May 2002 a first of its kind Communications Summit Meeting was held at NHQ. Col. Allenback called together representatives from the Air Staff Communications Directorate, Air Force Frequency Management Agency, Air Force Communications Agency, AETC and Air University. The purpose of the meeting was to produce a final Table of Allowances for CAP Communications and to lay out a funding strategy. The meeting was extremely successful. The group worked together to produce a road map for the future of the communications program in CAP. HQ CAP also had the unique opportunity to educate AF communications decision-makers at command levels all the way up to the Pentagon. We believe this meeting was a watershed event for our program and the tremendous benefits will be demonstrated for many years to come.

COMMUNICATIONS SUMMIT

COUNTERDRUG & HOMELAND SECURITY

TRAINING CONFERENCE

A Region Counterdrug Director/Wing Counterdrug Officer Training Conference was held in Orlando, Florida from 6 – 8 June 2002. The 80 plus attendees were presented briefings by all of our major customers including the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Customs Service, U.S. Forest Service, 1st Air Force and others. Several presentations were made by Civil Air Patrol volunteers covering subjects such as marijuana spotting, airfield photography, mission planning, mission reporting, the draft CD regulation, CDO responsibilities, CAP's role in Homeland Security and more. We feel the conference was a rousing success. John Salvador, HQ CAP Director of Operations called it, "The best training conference I have attended in years." In addition to the CDO/CDD Conference, the National Counterdrug Committee met to discuss counterdrug issues and procedures and future counterdrug funding. John Kittle, Chief, Counterdrug and Homeland Security also introduced a new member of the National Staff. Cliff Smith joins us as the Manager, Counterdrug and Homeland Security Plans and will be working in our office in DC.

Cliff is a retired Colonel with 29 years service in the Air Force. During his military career, he was a C-7 Caribou pilot in the Vietnam War. He served as a communications squadron commander and managed the largest Air Traffic Control mission at an Air Force installation. He was an aircraft commander, instructor pilot and flight examiner in the KC-135. Cliff served as a tanker operations officer and squadron commander. He has over 15 years operational experience in the Air Force with over 4,500 flying hours including 1,000 combat hours in the C-7. He was an air traffic control manager with 14 years experience in all phases of air traffic control including Director of Air Traffic Control and Airspace and Equipment Manager for the Air Force Material Command Director of Operations. Cliff Smith is a very welcome addition to the CAP Counterdrug and Homeland Security office.

HOMELAND SECURITY UPDATE

CAP has had the opportunity to brief the Air Force Advisory Board, FEMA Catastrophic Disaster Response Group, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations, Low Intensity Conflict, and Counter-narcotics, as well as the Joint Forces Command Headquarters on its Homeland Security capabilities. On 3 Jun 2002, John Kittle briefed the AFNSEP staff on CAP's Homeland Security capabilities. Colonel Rick Greenhut, NER/CC, briefed the Board of Governors on CAP's Homeland Security activities/resources on 4 Jun 2002. Each member of the Board was given a copy of the CAP draft Concept of Operations (CONOPS) for Homeland Security. Lt Gen Kehoe, Chairman, Board of Governors, stated that the draft CONOPS is an excellent product and CAP should be proud of completing this significant accomplishment. He stated that the CONOPS is a living document that will be revised to adapt to the changing Homeland Security environment. Gen Kehoe has forwarded the CONOPS to the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force for approval. The Board of Governors strongly endorses CAP's integration into the National Homeland Security Strategy and believes CAP's volunteer force is well suited and qualified to make a major contribution to the Nation's Homeland Security efforts.

USEFUL WEB SITES

This is the link to the Air Force Safety Center Magazines. <http://www-afsc.saia.af.mil/magazine/htdocs/index.html>

This is a link to Virtual Flight Surgeons. <http://www.aviationmedicine.com/linkaero.htm>

Do you have a useful web site that you think others should know about? Please send us the link.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Here are a few pilot axioms that may be of interest:

- He who demands everything that his aircraft can give him is a pilot. He who demands one iota more is a fool. It helps a lot to know the difference!
- Mastering the prohibited maneuvers in the Pilots Handbook is one of the best forms of aviation life insurance you can get.
- The ultimate responsibility of the pilot is to fulfill the dreams of the countless millions of earthbound ancestors who could only stare skyward and wish.

Send us your funny stories, pictures or cartoons so that everyone can enjoy them – we could all use added humor in our lives.

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